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In re Application of

Roman Dubrovsky et al

Application No. 10/796,458

Filed: March 9, 2004

Attorney Docket No. NJIT-3P

**DECISION ON PETITION** 

UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed December 26, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of prior-filed provisional Application No. 60/453,805, filed March 11, 2003, as set forth in the amendment filed March 9, 2006.

## The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and must be filed during the pendency of the nonprovisional application. In addition, the petition must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in  $\S 1.17(t)$ ; and
- a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Additionally, the instant nonprovisional application must be pending at the time of filing of the reference to the prior-filed provisional application as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Further, the nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application must have been filed within twelve months of the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to

the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed provisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the renewed petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the renewed petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the above-noted address of record.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1754 for consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed provisional application.

Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

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Power of Attorney: None

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/453,805 03/11/2003

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 06/22/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/796,458** 

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Early Publication Request: No

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Method and apparatus for carbon allotropes synthesis

**Preliminary Class** 

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